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## ITALIANS BREAK AUSTRIAN LINE, TAKE 9000 PRISONERS

### HONOLULU IN FRANCE PREDICTS GERMAN SMASHUP

J. L. Grimshaw, Crack Oarsman, Writes Letter Forecasting Allied Drive

Deleted in part by the censor but still unusually interesting is a letter which has reached Honolulu from J. L. Grimshaw, well-known Honolulu boy who is "doing his bit" at the front. Grimshaw, a crack oarsman and winner of the single scull race in the regatta of 1915, left his position as assistant bookkeeper of the Mutual Telephone Company and went with the Australian forces to the front, as a machine-gunner. The letter says: "Trenches. Somewhere in France: 'Your letter of March 4th to hand and needless to say how pleased I was to hear from you, as it is over a year since I left Honolulu; how time does fly and what a lot has happened in the last year; without a doubt it has been one of the most eventful twelve months of my life, and from the look of things here the scene of the near future will be the devil; for hell is sure going to be cut loose in this unfortunate country, and if I get through the coming spring and summer alive I will consider myself exceedingly lucky, as we machine-gunners catch it hotter than any other arm of the service.

"I see by the official reports here that America has decided to take a hand in this great game of war; well, I think it ought to help break the morale of the German people, and once that is done we can look for peace, for once the masses in Germany realize that practically the whole world is up in arms against them they will bring pressure to bear on the heads that will not be denied, and anyway their army is going to get such a smashing this spring that they won't want to face another winter; God knows we have suffered, but nothing like they have.

"You can imagine what it is like; everything frozen over and having to stand on the slippery for four hours at a stretch at night time, looking across No Man's Land, with a snow-storm blowing in your face; and when you go to get a little sleep it is with all your clothes and boots on, a couple of hard-frozen blankets, through being wet and in a hole in the ground. But never mind, it can't last forever, any way I can't if it does, thank God.

### MAN FOUND DEAD IN BURNED HOME; MAY BE A MURDER

Old-Time Resident of Lahaina District Meets Death in Horrible Form

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)  
WAILUKU, Maui, May 23.—Burned almost beyond semblance to a human being, the body of Noa Kana, a Lahaina resident of the Lahaina district, was found on Tuesday morning among the embers and ashes of what had been his home.

Foul play is suspected and suspicion points so strongly to a neighbor of the old man, named Kaahua, that the latter has been arrested by Sheriff Crowell and is being held in the Lahaina jail for investigation.

So far as is known no one saw the burning house until it had been completely destroyed. It stood in Ukumehame gulch some 600 yards from any other dwelling. The dead man was 72 years of age, and since the death of his wife about a year ago, has been living by himself. He had no near relatives.

### Brazil Prepares For War With Germany

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—That Brazil will enter the war on the side of the United States against Germany is regarded here now as a foregone conclusion. The latest destruction of the Brazilian steamer Tijuca by a German submarine, with the loss of a large part of the crew, has capped the climax for Brazil, and the nation is now actively preparing for hostilities. The formal declaration of war is believed to be now in the hands of the Brazilian government.

### Steels Record Big Advance

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Today, day.	Yesterday.
Alaska Gold	6 3/4	6 1/2
American Smelter	105 1/4	105 1/4
American Sugar Rfg.	110	109 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	121 1/2	121 1/2
Anacosta Copper	32 1/2	32 1/2
Atchafalca	101 1/4	101 1/4
Baldwin Loco.	61 1/4	59
Baltimore & Ohio	70 1/4	70 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	138 1/2	138 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	21	20 1/2
Canadian Pacific	162 1/4	160 1/4
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	74 1/4	73 1/4
Colo. Fuel & Iron	58 1/4	58 1/4
Crucible Steel	74	70 1/4
Erie Common	25	25 1/4
General Electric	180	180
General Motors, New	104 1/4	102 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	107 1/4	106 1/4
Inter. Harv. N. J.	47	46 1/2
Kennecott Copper	47	46 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	63 1/2	63 1/2
New York Central	91	90 1/2
Pennsylvania	52 1/4	52 1/4
Ray Consol.	30	29 1/4
Reading Common	53 1/4	51 1/4
Southern Pacific	94	93 1/4
Studebaker	51 1/4	51 1/4
Texas Oil	213	213 1/2
Union Pacific	187	186 1/4
U. S. Steel	151 1/4	151 1/4
Utah	115 1/4	114 1/4
Western Union	83 1/4	83
Westinghouse	53 1/4	53 1/4

\*Bid. \*Ex-dividend. \*Unquoted.  
Bethlehem Steel—a representative Class A and B Class B stock.

### DEMOCRATS STAND BY FRONTAGE TAX

County Platform Indorses It and Candidates Support It

Democrats in the present county campaign are standing squarely by the frontage-tax and their support of this local improvement plan will be one of the features of the campaign meetings from now to June 5, according to an emphatic statement made this morning by W. H. McClellan, county chairman and candidate for supervisor.

Verbal and printed statements that the Democrats are opposing the frontage tax were declared to be grossly false and entirely unfair by McClellan and in proof of his words he pointed to the Democratic county platform, adopted on April 27. The closing sentence of a plan indorsing the frontage-tax reads as follows:

"The Democratic party pledges its candidates to faithfully carry out the mandates of the law, using such discretionary power as may reside in the board in so doing, in such a way as will work the least possible hardship on property-holders when roads are to be constructed under this law."

McClellan pointed out that the last legislature amended the law, according to a bill introduced by a Republican representative, Clarence E. Cooke.

"The Democratic territorial platform asked that the law be amended and it has been amended, and the Cooke amendments meet objections previously made. The county platform is therefore entirely consistent in indorsing the law with the needed amendments," he said.

"Our party stands squarely by the frontage-tax law if administered fairly. Personally, I shall make my attitude of supporting it clear during the campaign and I know that other candidates intend doing the same, to clear up the misrepresentation to which we have already been subjected."

McClellan does not blink the fact that in the county campaign two years and a half ago some of the Democrats rabidly opposed the frontage-tax plan and put the whole party in the position of fighting it. But he also pointed out that he and Lester Petrie, candidates then for re-election as supervisors, did not attack the law, but spoke on other issues.

"Since that time, the public is much better educated in the workings of the law and it is evidently here to stay," he continued, "and it is a matter of record that when the changes we found were necessary in the McClellan project were made later by the Republican board, our successors, that project moved ahead."

Thos. F. Smith, the newly elected congressman from New York, was expected to be in the territory and back to the United States.

### Dr. Wu Ting Fang Acting Premier of China Now



(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
PEKING, China, May 23.—Wu Ting Fang, minister of foreign affairs, has been appointed acting premier of the Republic by President Li Yuan Hung and empowered to form a new cabinet.

### EXPECT WOMEN TO CROWD THEATER WILL DO FARMING

Preparations Go Ahead for Concerted Efforts for Household Economy

Following a conference this morning with Dr. Arthur L. Dean, executive officer of the territorial food commission, Mrs. A. J. Campbell, chairman of the women's committee on food conservation and economy, announced that the date of the big mass meeting of Honolulu women will be as printed Wednesday in the Star-Bulletin—next Thursday, May 31, at 3:30 p. m., in the Bijou theater.

That the general character of the meeting will be along the same lines as this held Tuesday morning in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, when the commission met with delegates from all the women's organizations of Honolulu and got together on the question of the most efficient utilization of food and economy in foodstuffs, was stated shortly before noon today by Dr. Dean.

Mrs. Campbell urges all the delegates who attended Tuesday's meeting to be present at the coming one, as well. A cordial invitation is extended to all women's organizations not included in the original list of delegates. The entire membership of these organizations is invited to be present if possible. The Bijou will seat 1500 people and all the housewives of this city and vicinity who are interested in keeping down food expenses and eliminating waste in foodstuffs are asked to be there.

Speakers Being Selected  
Details as to the speakers are now being worked out and will be announced in a short time. They will talk along the lines of cutting down expenses and making use of island foodstuffs to the best advantage developed in the general discussion which followed the talks.

### Senate May Change Big War Tax Bill

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Another month will probably be required for congress to complete the war tax bill. It is already indicated that the senate may make many

### Murderer Waite To Pay Penalty In Chair Tonight

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
OSSINING, New York, May 24.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite will be electrocuted at 11 tonight.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, dentist and tennis player of repute, was convicted on June 1, 1916, of poisoning his wealthy father-in-law, John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich., at the twelfth trial of a sensational murder case in this county in years. The crime is best explained in the words of the district attorney, Edward Swann, who told the jury: "The cause of this deed was solely the desire for money. There were no angry passions involved, no sex relation, no envy, hatred or malice; nothing but the purpose of obtaining easy money."

The murder was exposed through a mysterious telegram signed "K. Adams" sent to Percy Peck at Grand Rapids, brother of Dr. Waite's wife, suggesting an autopsy and reading "suspicions arouse—demand autopsy." The authorities took up the case and an autopsy showed Mr. Peck had died from arsenic poisoning.

Dr. Waite confessed to the district attorney that he had bought arsenic three days before the death of his father-in-law on March 12, but said he had done so on request of the elderly man who told him he wished to commit suicide, as he was despondent over the death of his wife, who died on January 30, twenty days after she had arrived at Dr. Waite's home here.

To bear out this statement Dr. Waite tried to bribe a former negro servant to testify that she knew of Mr. Peck's desire to commit suicide.

As the evidence against him began to accumulate Dr. Waite made an unsuccessful attempt to kill himself by taking an overdose of drugs. For several days he lay in a stupor hovering between life and death.

Dr. Waite received the sentence of death with utter unconcern. Before he was condemned to death he said in court:

"I only wish I had more than one body to give and I hope that my soul may go and serve hereafter those whom I have injured."

### COUNTY AGENTS TO BE EMPLOYED BY COMMISSION

At a meeting this morning of the territorial food commission the recommendations of the special committee appointed by the commission to confer with the territorial marketing division, this committee consisting of Chairman A. L. Castle, R. C. Walker and Lorrin A. Thurston, were accepted.

The committee's recommendations were, according to Dr. Arthur L. Dean, executive officer of the commission, that county agents be employed to supervise planting, advise planters regarding marketing, act as a medium for sending out suggestions and information from the commission and for furnishing the commission with information regarding food production and similar subjects in the territory assigned.

As adopted by the commission today, the committee's recommendations are to send one man to the Kona section and another to the windward portion of Hawaii; a third agent to Maui, a fourth to Kauai and have a fifth on Oahu.

This program will be put into effect as soon as the commission and its executive officer can get around to it. No list of men eligible for appointment has yet been considered.

The special marketing division committee met at 4:15 Wednesday afternoon and formulated its recommendations, having first discussed them with the special agricultural committee of which Director Hamilton P. Agee of the planters' experiment station, is chairman. They were later taken up Wednesday afternoon with Commissioner A. L. Castle of the territorial board of agriculture and forestry.

### 300 GERMANS ON BOARD TRANSPORT

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)  
TOKIO, Japan, May 24.—An American transport arrived at Yokohama recently from Manila on the way to San Francisco. More than 300 German subjects are on board, all residents of Manila. They will be taken

## TERRIFIC LAND BATTLES MARK DAY; BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN; BIG LOSS

Japanese Light Naval Craft Now Operating in War Zone; Announcement in Commons

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
ROME, Italy, May 24.—Announcement was made by the war office today that the Italian forces on the southeastern Austrian front yesterday broke through the Austrian lines from Castagnavizza to the Adriatic sea, taking more than 9000 prisoners.

Pressing the offensive launched against the defenses of Trieste several days ago, the Italians followed their artillery bombardment with an irresistible infantry drive and out through the Austrian trenches. They have occupied part of the area south of Castagnavizza and on Boscomalo road have passed Boscomalo and captured the town of Jamiano and strong forts east of Pietrassia.

The enemy was first surprised and then nonplused by the speed and force of the Italian attack. In the assault, the Italian air-forces did splendid work. Dozens of aeroplanes took the air and dropped 10 tons of bombs on the Austro-Hungarian lines.

Towards evening the enemy launched counter-attacks against the Italians' new positions but all were repulsed. British batteries cooperated with the Italian artillery in pouring a great hail of explosives on the enemy.

ROME, Italy, May 24.—Manifestations were held throughout Italy today, to celebrate the beginning of the third year of Italy's entrance into the war.

PARIS, France, May 24.—German counter attacks near Valenciennes were repulsed last night with heavy losses to the enemy. Since May 1 the French have taken 9000 prisoners in this district.

### British Transport and French Liner Victims of Torpedoes

LONDON, England, May 24.—It was announced today that the British transport Transylvania was torpedoed in the Mediterranean sea on May 14, and that 413 of those aboard were lost, the loss including 29 officers and the ship's captain.

PARIS, France, May 24.—The liner Sontay was sunk by a torpedo on April 16, while en route from Saloniki to Marseilles, with a loss of 45, including Captain Mages.

### Japanese Navy to Help Allies Meet Menace of German Divers

LONDON, England, May 24.—The arrival of a considerable number of Japanese light naval craft in the Mediterranean sea to cooperate in the campaign against Teuton submarines was announced in the house of commons today by Lord Cecil, minister of blockade.

### Another Air-Raid Made on England

LONDON, England, May 24.—Four or five enemy airships last night raided the eastern counties of England. They dropped a number of bombs but when pursued by English aeroplanes took refuge in flight. One man was killed by an explosive. Otherwise the damage was negligible.

### German Navy in Baltic is Busy

LONDON, England, May 24.—Pronounced German naval activity in the Baltic sea on Tuesday is reported from Copenhagen. Yesterday violent cannonading was heard, which continued throughout the night.

### UNCLE SAM'S NAVY NOW AFTER U-BOATS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
LONDON, Eng., May 24.—That the help of the American destroyer flotilla in hunting down and destroying the German submarine blockaders of the British coast is proving most acceptable and valuable was officially stated yesterday by the admiralty officials to the representative of the Associated Press. Leading officers at the admiralty, while giving no intimation of the special work of the American sailors, freely stated that they are playing no small part in the effective work that is now going on.

The British naval officers are enthusiastic in their praise of the American officers and sailors who man the destroyer squadrons. They are, say these officers, showing a great enthusiasm and a spirit of enterprise which

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
PARIS, France, May 24.—Advises from Lisbon, Portugal, assert that the agitation on account of high prices, as the result of which agitation a number of people were killed and much property damaged, has subsided.

Under the auspices of the Intermediate department of the Christian Endeavor Society of Kawaiahao church, a benefit performance will be given at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening in the auditorium of the Mission Memorial building. The program has been prepared by S. H. Kahalewai and will include moving pictures.